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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 1997, at 10 a.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1997

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God almighty! Heaven and Earth are filled with Your glory. Praise and honor be to You, Lord most high. Lord of all creation, re-create our hearts to love You above all. Ruler of the universe, rule in us. Lord of our Nation, we invite You to live in us as our personal Lord. Architect of history, guide the vital page in history that will be written today.

As we prepare for the Memorial Day recess and, at the same time, seek to complete all of the votes on the budget resolution, we realize how closely these two things are intertwined. Help us to see the implications of honoring those who gave their lives in just wars, and the arduous task of honing the budget further to enable Your priorities for our Nation. Sovereign Lord, reign in this Chamber and in our hearts and minds today so that what is decided will reflect Your will and how we work together will reflect Your presence. Grant the Senators renewed strength and resilient determination to finish well. May the shortness of life here on Earth and the length of eternity free them to do their best today as an expression of love to You and gratitude to those who paid the supreme price that this Senate could fulfill its calling of leading this Nation for which they died. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget. In the

name of the Resurrection and Life. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

Mr. DOMENICI. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I hope you are feeling well this morning, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Fine.

Mr. DOMENICI. I am feeling well also because we are getting close to completion. If we could finish by 12:30 or so, I will feel even better.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. You are doing a good job.

Mr. DOMENICI. None of that is supposed to occur in the Senate, but isn't that nice, that we could do that.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. For the information of all Senators, today the Senate will immediately resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, the first concurrent budget resolution. Under the previous order, all time is expired and the Senate will begin a lengthy series of rollcall votes on or in relation to the remaining pending amendments that are in order to the resolution. Therefore, Senators can expect to begin voting on numerous stacked votes momentarily. Senators are asked to remain in the Chamber and in their seats, if possible, to expedite this process.

Again, all Members should be on the floor to begin this series of votes. After final passage of the budget resolution, it is the intention of the majority leader that the Senate consider the CWC implementation bill under the previous order, the supplemental appropriation bill, if the House completes action, and any nominations that have been cleared for action.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all remaining votes in the stacked sequence after the first amendment, the McCain amendment, be limited to 10 minutes each; and, further, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, for each vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HUTCHISON). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume consideration of Senate concurrent resolution, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 27) setting forth the congressional budget for

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